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Introduction

The purpose of the UPARR program is to provide matching Federal grants and technical assistance to physically and economically distressed local governments for rehabilitation of deteriorated recreation facilities, and to stimulate ongoing local commitments to system revitalization in urban areas. The program is also aimed at encouraging State, local and private linkages to help ensure long-term success of overall urban revitalization efforts.

1992 Innovation Grants

For fiscal year 1992, Congress appropriated $4.9 million for UPARR grants. This small amount of funds was focussed on innovative programs to improve recreation opportunities for urban youth, with emphasis on youth at risk. Individual applications were limited to $100,000 or less (Federal share). Within 90 days of the announcement of grant availability published December 16, 1991, 138 applications were received totalling over $12.5 million. Sixty two projects were selected for funding with the $4.9 million available. On April 10, the selected projects were announced, and all grants were obligated by July 1992.

A number of communities got their efforts under way very quickly by running special summer programs that began as soon as school was out. The majority of projects are linked to schooling as well as recreation, and these did not get fully implemented until the new school year in September. By the end of November, a third of the 1992 projects were completed. Almost all of the remaining projects were fully started, with completion scheduled by the summer of 1993.

Although not all local programs are completed, sufficient progress has been made on the 1992 projects selected to reach some basic conclusions:

1. Urban youth can be reached through recreation programs.

2. Combining recreation, counselling and tutoring is an effective way of communicating with young people who have special needs.

3. There are many ways of supplying recreation opportunities in urban America, and many dedicated and innovative people working to do so.

4. The most successful youth at risk projects combine recreation and social activities with school, community crime prevention and other programs to address the total needs of young people.

5. Most of the best demonstration projects were widely supported by many different neighborhood and community groups, including businesses, labor unions, public schools, local colleges, professional sports teams, non-profit social service organizations and a variety of other grass roots groups.

The following section contains more detailed descriptions of selected projects from the FY 1992 UPARR Innovation grant round.

1992 INNOVATION PROJECTS

Following are summaries of 22 UPARR Innovation projects for 1992. These are based on progress reports submitted by the grantees and selected to demonstrate some of the effective ways used by urban communities to communicate with and help their youth at risk. Similar information on the other 40 projects funded in 1992 will be available at a later date.

A summary list of all the FY 1992 Innovation projects is included in Appendix A of this report.

Washington Park Community Center in Milwaukee County, Wisconsin

SPORTS PROGRAMS LINKED TO SPECIAL SCHOOLING FOR YOUNGSTERS

Beaumont's at risk youth recreational counselling program targets 10 to 19 year old teens living in inner-city depressed neighborhoods. It began in September 1992. Participants for the program are selected by a joint committee of officials from the school district, housing authority, and law enforcement agencies.

Recreation activities that are now available are basketball, flag football, volleyball, indoor soccer, softball, and various table games. The program is currently active in five schools, for 36 weeks during the regular school year and 10 weeks during the summer. Program instructors, coaches and assistants come from the staff of the local school district and are paid an hourly wage, and counselors and volunteers from the private and corporate sector are not paid. Students from Lamar University are working in the capacity of assistant coaches and instructors, and also participate as big brother-sister role models. To date 20 "at risk" students are actively participating in each of the five schools. The city expects that number to increase as the year progresses.

CENTRAL FALLS, RHODE ISLAND

'CHANNEL ONE' FORGES COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Central Falls' substance abuse prevention agency "Channel One-Central Falls" has developed and implemented a recreation and anti-drug education program for the city's youth at risk. The program includes substance abuse prevention, crime prevention, environmental awareness, and Blackstone Valley historical education. Youth are referred to Channel-One by various social service agencies, schools, and the police department.

Last summer UPARR funds were used to hire ten youths, at minimum wage, to work as horticulture and maintenance interns. The youth maintained the city's parks, and were trained, through a cooperative arrangement with Davies Technical School, in horticulture, and removal of graffiti. The youth were also involved in ten education sessions on substance abuse, crime prevention, environmental awareness, and the history of Blackstone Valley. Stress tests and group problem solving exercises were given to teach communication and teamwork. Evaluation tests were also given at the beginning and end of the 10-week program to measure the youths' attitude towards themselves and the community.

Channel-One also sponsored the Junior Ranger program which is a core group of 20 children aged 9 to 13 years old. The Junior Park Ranger Program is part of the Blackstone Valley National Heritage Corridor, recognized by Congress as an area of national significance because of its role in the birth of the American Industrial Revolution. Park rangers from the Blackstone Valley Commission participated in teaching the youth about Blackstone Valley's history, conducted field trips to various historical points of interest, and educational seminars. One result of this program was the youth developed better understanding of their community and its historical background.

COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CITY BRIGHTENS SUMMER FOR KIDS IN PUBLIC HOUSING

Columbus, Georgia's park, police and housing agencies teamed up this summer to improve recreation opportunities for disadvantaged youth. Through joint efforts of the three agencies, supplemented by the UPARR grant, staffing, supervision, equipment and supplies were increased at nine recreation centers in or near public housing complexes.

Officials were happily surprised to see participation at the centers more than double as the programs got under way. More than 500 children per day came to the centers at the height of the summer program. One center director notes that "Some kids stay as long as we are open; they don't have anything else to do."

Mr. Brown Nicholson, director of the city's housing authority, referred to his agency's independent investment of $57,000 in new equipment and supplies when he said, "I think we are getting a real bargain!" Major beneficiaries of the program are elementary school students who would otherwise have had no organized summer recreation activities this year. In addition to expanding activities at recreation centers, Columbus Parks and Recreation sponsored and provided transportation from one center to another.

DAYTON, OHIO

PROJECT 'R.I.S.K.' REACHES OUT WITH EVENING ACTIVITIES

Dayton's program, which got underway in September, is somewhat different from other youth-at-risk programs: it serves an older age group (14-20); it concentrates more on outreach beyond the schools, including school dropouts, homeless and unemployed young adults; it provides late evening and night activities (up to 2 AM) as an alternative to the 'street scene' that is the primary activity for many young adults in the absence of other programs.

As of October the R.I.S.K. (Recreation Intervention Supports Kids) effort was fully under way. A program manager and outreach leaders were on board; a variety of local agencies including the Dayton Urban League, Juvenile Court, Drug Commission, Boys Club and YMCA have signed on as cooperators, and 41 registered participants had been recruited, on the way to as many as 100.

With its referral and consulting programs working well, the main task of Project RISK will really get underway; it will include increased recreation activities and field trips as well as special training and discussion sessions in such areas as cultural awareness, self-esteem, grass roots economics, responsible decision-making and how to get and keep a job.

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DENVER, COLORADO

'NIGHT MOVES' PUT NEW SPIN ON NIGHTIME BASKETBALL

In the last decade, a number of communities have sponsored 'Midnight Basketball' leagues to provide late night activities for inner city and suburban youth. For 1992, Denver developed a challenging variation on such late night sports programs.

'Night moves' is an after school and weekend program for teenagers with special promotional ties to the Denver Nuggets basketball team. It includes basketball clinics, leagues and tournaments, swimming instruction and organized swim teams, weekend long-distance cycling, and computer literacy classes at two recreation centers in key neighborhoods. Boys and girls are first recruited to the basketball leagues with promotional help from Marcus Liberty and other Denver Nugget players. Then the basketball, swimming, cycling and social programs are supplemented by workshops on a variety of self-help workshops, ranging from better study habits to drug prevention.

Over 620 registered boys and girls took part in the summer 1992 program, which has been flexible enough to include elementary school children so they will have a place to go while their older brothers and sisters participate in the program.

This fall and winter Night Moves will include several field trips to nearby parks and downhill skiing in its activities. Thanks to the generosity of the Nuggets and other local businesses, the schedule has expanded from a single season to year round, from one activity to several and from a single neighborhood served to many. The Night Moves program prides itself on its good marketing and responsiveness to the kids who are its primary beneficiaries. It is a wonderful demonstration of what community spirit and voluntary involvement can do to improve recreation and education opportunities.

FAYETTEVILLE, NC

TEAMWORK MAKES T.E.A.M. WORK

Project T.E.A.M. (Teaching-Exercise-Alternatives-Mainstreaming) provides stimulating fitness, cultural and preventive substance abuse/crime programs for at risk youth ages 8 to 14. About 48 youth currently participate in the weekly scheduled activities offered three days a week. The youth are from targeted public housing areas of Grove View Terrace, Campbell Terrace and Delona Gardens. These are low-income, minority areas that have extremely high crime and drug activity.

The weekly program for T.E.A.M. began in mid-September. The program provides educational and recreational alternatives to substance abuse and crime. The program will also concentrate on improving each participant's physical fitness by involving the youth in fitness and health programs such as track and field, indoor swimming, weight lifting, judo, and bowling. Each youth also participates in a personal improvement point system where they receive points on a quarterly basis for individual improvement which may be cashed in for awards. Awards include track shoes, judo uniforms, nintendo games, etc.

The program begins after school at 4:30 pm. The project coordinator picks up the participants at each housing project with a newly purchased van, and transports them to the program sites. Program sites thus far are the Special Population Center and Fayetteville State University. The youth usually are returned home around 8 pm depending on the schedule. The youth have already participated in karate lessons given twice a week, a course on the "arts", and group sessions entitled "Drugs in Our Community" and "Living at Home".

The key to the program is the involvement of community organizations, public social service agencies, and Fayetteville State University. Those organizations are providing in-kind services such as educational, counseling, fundraising, volunteers, and financial assistance.

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

TEENS GAIN FROM SUMMER DIVERSION

The city of Fresno's Summer Youth Diversion Program took place this past summer in two severely economically depressed neighborhoods with very high juvenile crime rates. Fresno's Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services mobilized the Police Department, businesses and community groups and targeted efforts at two neighborhood recreation centers (Frank H. Ball and Romain Centers).

The program was designed for teens between the ages of 13-18 years old who are impacted by poverty, racism, drug abuse, and gang related activities. The city created a positive program of teen counseling, tutoring, jobs, community service projects, and recreational activities such as volleyball, basketball, softball, swimming. In addition, based on their participation in the SYDP program the youth earned trips to out of town recreational and amusement facilities. In order for the teens to participate in the recreational activities they must first work on community service projects such as neighborhood cleanup and graffiti removal, and attend anti-drug and gang presentations and workshops. Self-esteem classes and other specialized activities such as photography and ceramics were also offered.

Fresno's goal of getting the local community groups and public service agencies involved in providing jobs and recreational opportunities for 450 teens was successful. The city is planning to offer the program again next summer.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

RECREATION TO REDUCE RISK

In 1991 the city of Grand Rapids experienced a significant increase in violent crimes, domestic violence, and drug abuse. Most of these crimes were occurring in neighborhoods with high levels of poverty and unemployment.

Realizing that the traditional city-wide program was not meeting the recreational and social service needs of its low-income citizens, the city's Parks and Recreation Department was directed by the city council to design a recreational program that was more neighborhood oriented, accessible and inexpensive to the user. A program entitled "Recreation to Reduce Risk" was developed to help reduce drug use, crime, and violence by providing positive alternative activities for all ages. Major emphasis of this program is providing a variety of recreational and social services for elementary and teenage youth and their families living within the Belknap, Stocking, and Madison neighborhoods.

The Recreation to Reduce Risk program was designed to meet the needs of individual neighborhoods. The program was operated out of two schools and a recreation center. The activities that are provided are Teen Rap sessions, bowling and pizza parties, basketball, dances, field trips, Hispanic folk-dance instruction, aerobic classes, after-school crafts and quilting sessions, drop-in basketball and volleyball, and family activity nights.

UPARR funds along with CDBG monies and funds from the city's general treasury, and donations by local businesses assisted in the hiring of a recreation specialist, 12 part-time recreational assistant leaders, and recreation supplies and equipment. Financed through a local bank, summer night basketball leagues with over 200 participants were very successful.

GUAYNABO, PUERTO RICO

COMMUNITY LINKS RECREATION, CULTURE TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE

Like many large, heavily populated communities in Puerto Rico, the city of Guaynabo is experiencing a high rate of unemployment, drug and alcohol abuse, crime, school dropouts, teen pregnancy, and youth violence. In an effort to provide an alternative positive activity, the city of Guaynabo has developed and implemented a structured recreation program for three inner-city public housing complexes, Alamo, Mabo and Jardines.

The recreational activities take place daily at centers within the housing complexes. Programs offered are for all age groups, with the primary emphasis on youth. Activities include basketball, art, drama, music, and aerobics classes. Anti-drug and crime workshops and plays are also a part of the program

The program has strong community support. The local Lions Club is providing volunteers and equipment for some of the programs. The tenants' association and individual residents have also worked closely with the city to plan and provide expanded recreation services.

Since recreation activities began, the city has noted an overwhelming number of active participants. However, due to a lack of financial resources, Guaynabo is unable to expand the programming to serve everyone who wants to participate.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

YOUTH CORPS BUILDS PARK AND LEARNS WORK SKILLS

Indianapolis ran a summer youth program that focused on work experience. "Build a Park" linked a parcel of recently-vacated land in the City's Washington Park with a summer job program for high schoolers. The community's Youth Conservation Corps project recruited sixty 14-17 year olds to serve in two five week sessions of work to renovate a former zoo area in George Washington Park.

The teenaged work crews completed extensive landscaping, including clearance of old buildings and overgrown vegetation. They built a mile-long jogging path and planted over 100 trees and shrubs and three flower gardens. They also transformed the former zoo's barn into a nature center.

Youth Corps members received valuable work experiences in carpentry, bricklaying, landscaping and painting, as well as training in good work habits and citizenship. Special efforts were made to recruit young people who were "at risk" because of minor, first time juvenile violations. One young man with a history of juvenile authority problems started the summer as a member of a work crew. "He was bright and hard working, and really excited at the chance to prove himself", said Mark Bowell, the program manager. Because of his hard work, he "graduated" in July and became a Corps Leader for the second session ending in August. His success helped the young man to acceptance at a local college, which he started this fall.

The program also offered daily fitness and weekly citizenship sessions in a specially designed curriculum. The renovated site in Washington Park is now available to elementary and junior high students as a nature education site. The 60 Corps participants got valuable training and a summer job, while the rest of the community gained a new facility that meets real environmental education needs.

FAIR PLAY PLAYS WELL

Members of the Fair Play Sports Golf Team pose in front of the Clubhouse

The Fair Play Sports Program was implemented as part of the summer youth program during the summer of 1992 at various recreation sites in the city. The program primarily served inner-city youth, ages 6 through 12, from 9 am to 3 pm daily. An average of 800 to 1,000 youth were served on a weekly basis. African American youth, living in housing projects were the primary target of this program.

The purpose of the program was to provide structure, discipline and exposure to non-traditional recreational activities such as golf and tennis, gymnastics, music, health, fitness, and nutrition. Additionally, emphasis was placed on team sportsmanship. The program taught the youth how to properly play non-traditional sports. This summer free golf and tennis lessons were implemented and a fitness center was opened at one site. The children were introduced to weight training methods and they were also taught nutrition.

Golf lessons were provided by HMS Public Golf Course Management Corporation which has a contract with the city to manage the city's golf courses. The golf lessons were offered weekly for seven weeks at no charge to the youth or the city.

Transportation to various recreational sites was provided by the Parks and Recreation Department. The purchase of a used bus, to transport the youth to various recreational sites and activities, was part of the grant. Free tennis lessons were offered weekly at sites located on or near housing projects for youth ages 10 to 12.

The tennis and golf activities were extremely popular with the inner city youth. Knoxville's Recreation Department in conjunction with several other social service agencies and local community groups worked together to make the Summer Youth Program possible. Due to the success of the Summer Program, the city plans to continue at least the golf and tennis programs again next year.

CO-ED SPORTS LEAGUE HELPS TEENS

In an effort to combat gang violence and drug abuse the city of Los Angeles is currently offering a Co-Ed Teen Sports League at two inner city parks for 13-18 year-old mostly Hispanic and African-American youth-at-risk. The 12-month program, which is intended to help teach discipline and sportsmanship through team activities, includes three sports leagues -- volleyball, basketball and softball. Youth-at-risk are targeted into the program through the help of local high schools, police, the County Probation Department and agencies like Community Youth Gang Services.

League games are played every Friday night from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, at the two facilities used for the program in the Canoga Park and Reseda neighborhoods. Those facilities remain open until midnight to provide participating youth with an area to socialize.

League sports are coached by community volunteers under the overall supervision of a recreation supervisor. Following sport play, community leaders and participants discuss goals, employment, self-esteem, anti-drug and gang affiliation, and health and other social services. After the discussion period, video tapes of the night's games are played for skill improvement and enjoyment.

The true strength of the Co-Ed Teen Sports program is the cooperative effort of several community groups, social service agencies, police, and the Office of the Mayor. A partnership was formed, named KYDS (Keep Youth Doing Something), to create a positive recreational and educational program for approximately 100 at-risk-youth in the two neighborhoods. Together the KYDS coalition plans the education and sports activities, and participate as volunteers to keep the youth off the streets and participating in positive team recreational activities.

Co-ed Sports League Softball Team defeats LAPD in All Star game. They are joined by Los Angeles Councilwoman Joy Picus in the victory photo.

COOPERATION BRINGS RECREATION AND EDUCATION TO LATCH-KEY STUDENTS

The recreation needs of several Milwaukee County neighborhoods are being addressed through a unique collaboration between the community and the "traditional" park agencies. Washington Park, located on Milwaukee's west side, has experienced a decrease in recreation activity and patronage as drug and gang related activity has increased. To combat this decline, the Washington Heights Neighborhood Association, the Cooperative West Side Association, the Milwaukee County Parks Department, the Milwaukee Public Schools, the Metropolitan YMCA, and representatives of the community participated in a forum to identify the recreation needs of the Washington Park community.

A Summer Day Camp program that served close to 400 13-17 year olds each week began at Washington Park recreation center in June. The program provided increased recreation opportunities from early morning to early evening for children of working parents during June, July and August. The day camp and other recreation programs also helped to recruit participants for a follow-up, After-School program that began in September. The After-School program runs from 3:00 to 6:00 each afternoon and combines tutoring in math and reading skills, computer learning with traditional games and social activities for school age teens. It serves between 250 and 300 students each week.

Under the 1992 UPARR grant, day camp and after-school programs are also being provided at two other Milwaukee recreation centers - Kosciuszko Community Center and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center - which have similar participation rates. Current programs will run through June 1993.

ACHIEVABLE DREAM MEANS PLAY AND WORK

This summer, a special program for fourth graders used tennis and other leisure activities to attract low-income children into afternoon classes to improve reading and math skills. Tennis was selected because it was something new for most of the minority children of southeast Newport News who participated.

The daily program for almost 100 elementary school children began with physical fitness exercises and several hours of tennis instruction, followed by a hot lunch. Afternoon sessions were educational, involving practical mathematics instruction and one-on-one tutoring in reading skills. Each week's activities centered on a theme, like farms and animals, transportation or space. The students read books related to the theme, wrote reports and stories about it, and did math exercises related to it.

For example, during 'transportation' week the kids read railroad history and calculated travel times and distances for the weekend field trip by train to the Science Museum in Richmond. The tutoring sessions had a student-teacher ration of 1 to 10, and included many opportunities for interaction between the fourth graders and their classes. Once a week, there were special visits by notable program Mentors, including the police and fire chiefs, an engineer, a nurse and state legislators.

The summer program was successful. The staff of both the morning tennis camp and the afternoon educational activities note improved attitudes toward school and desire to achieve more in school, better behavior toward and with adults, increased poise and self-confidence, better fitness and nutrition, and more positive attitudes toward the community as a result of greater contact with community leaders and programs.

Although the UPARR grant funding is exhausted, Newport News Schools has agreed to continue Achievable Dream during the school year. The school year program will function on weekday afternoons and Saturday mornings with the same dual focus on tennis camp and educational tutoring. The program will also be extended gradually to include fifth and sixth graders in future years. A fourth grader who entered the program this year may be able to continue into junior high. As an adjunct to the program several local businesses have agreed to provide college scholarships for program participants who complete high school with good grade averages.

NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

CITY TARGETS LATCH-KEY KIDS

The Washington Park community located in North Miami Beach is a low income, minority neighborhood with many latchkey children, teen dropouts, gang violence, drug and alcohol abuse, and teen pregnancy. In an effort to address those problems Washington Park has created an intergenerational program called S.T.A.R. (Supervised Training Afterschool Recreation).

The S.T.A.R. program, which was designed by the city and Washington Park citizens, is an intergenerational program that will serve children, teens, and senior citizens. It is an afterschool recreational and education program for 40 elementary school children. Teens age 14 and up serve as leaders and assist in recreational activities and tutor the younger children. Senior citizens in the community have volunteered their time to serve as "grandparents" and work with youth in all aspects of the program. This benefits the children, teens and seniors by providing for interaction between people of all ages, thereby promoting community spirit and pride.

UPARR assistance is providing four staff persons, recreational and educational equipment and supplies, and field trips to various educational and cultural sites and events.

The Washington Park community is delighted with the program. It provides a healthy and safe atmosphere for the children, the teens school attendance has dramatically increased, and the senior citizens have acquired a renewed sense of purpose by giving guidance and support to the younger generation on a daily basis.

SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS

COMMUNITY SAILING PROGRAM IS A HIT

The Community Sailing and Maritime Recreation program is a joint venture between the city of Salem and Salem State College (SSC). This is the first time the city and the college have combined forces to offer Salem residents a recreational service the city would not otherwise be able to provide.

As a result of this new partnership, 130 Salem students between the ages of 10 to 18 were afforded a unique recreation experience. This past summer, these students learned sailing and navigation skills and participated in activities designed to enhance their knowledge of Salem Harbor's environment and cultural history. Salem State College donated, for summer use, five sailboats, one Boston Whaler, outboard motors, a radio and other equipment. In addition, the students received the benefit of participating in a program administered by the College's highly experienced sail master.

In addition to the partnership with SSC, the city tapped other community agencies and resources in an effort to broaden the students' experience. Students sailed into a nearby state-owned marine laboratory for a special tour and lecture on the marine life of Salem Harbor. Peabody Museum provided students with a tour of the Salem maritime history collection and a special lecture on Salem's whaling days.

Next year, some adjustments will be made to further improve the program. It is expected that the Police Department will take a more active role in referring "youth-at-risk". Also, more outreach is planned to encourage older students in the 16 to 18 year old age group to participate. This summer, half of the program participants were referred by the local Boys Club and by the Gables Settlement House, an agency that provides day care, recreational and social services for low and moderate income families.

Next summer's program will begin earlier so that the program can be extended and more local resources can be called on to offer enrichment activities. Although successful activities were offered this year by Cat Cove Maritime Lab and the Peabody Museum, the program will aim to increase these activities next year to include other public and private organizations.

PRIDE GOES TO JUNIOR HIGH

Since 1988 the city of Santa Ana has experienced a 60 percent increase in gang violence. In response to the community's growing concerns on gang violence, the city council directed the Recreation and Community Services Agency to develop and implement a gang prevention program which initially targeted elementary school children. The initial project P.R.I.D.E. program, an after-school program conducted daily since 1988, was very successful at the elementary age level. However, once a participant moved on to intermediate school the program was no longer available.

UPARR assistance made it possible for the city to expand the P.R.I.D.E. program to include preteens and teenagers. The program was conducted over the summer of 1992 with approximately 150 teens at five schools around the city. The city recruited 12 new mentors from the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and several local business persons. These mentors provided professional guidance and training in computer skills, language, writing, and verbal communication. Teens performed magic acts which conveyed anti-drug/gang messages for the elementary school age members, were trained to produce a P.R.I.D.E. newsletter and received training by a professional graphic design company who volunteered its services. Teens were also trained to develop and implement innovative recreational programs for the younger participants. The city hopes to have a recreational job pool available next summer for teen participants.

Project P.R.I.D.E. has affected the way programs are conducted in Santa Ana. Gang prevention has become a high priority and has been addressed through training and an increased level of awareness in recreation staff. The success of the program was measured by the retention rates of program participants. Since nearly 90 percent of the participants stayed with the program until the end, the effort was deemed successful enough to be re-established and expanded next year.

SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK

PARKS PARTNERSHIP RESTORES NEIGHBORHOOD RECREATION AREA

During the summer of 1992, Jerry Burrell Park in Schenectady was the site of the city's first neighborhood park sponsorship, or 'adopt-a-park' program.

Neighborhood residents, non-profit groups and all the city's public agencies were encouraged to participate through an Advisory Task Force. In early summer, a neighborhood service agency, City Mission, organized local volunteers in a daily clean-up and maintenance program for the park. UPARR funding supported hiring and training of summer recreation leaders and purchases of equipment and supplies for activities in Burrell Park. The park became the stage for numerous special events throughout the summer. These events also helped in voluntary fund raising to support other programs throughout the year.

The summer project proved successful as a demonstration in that it led to adoption of the park sponsorship idea in two other city parks - Hillhurst and Steinmetz - and creation of a Committee for the Preservation of City Parks to oversee similar future efforts.

WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

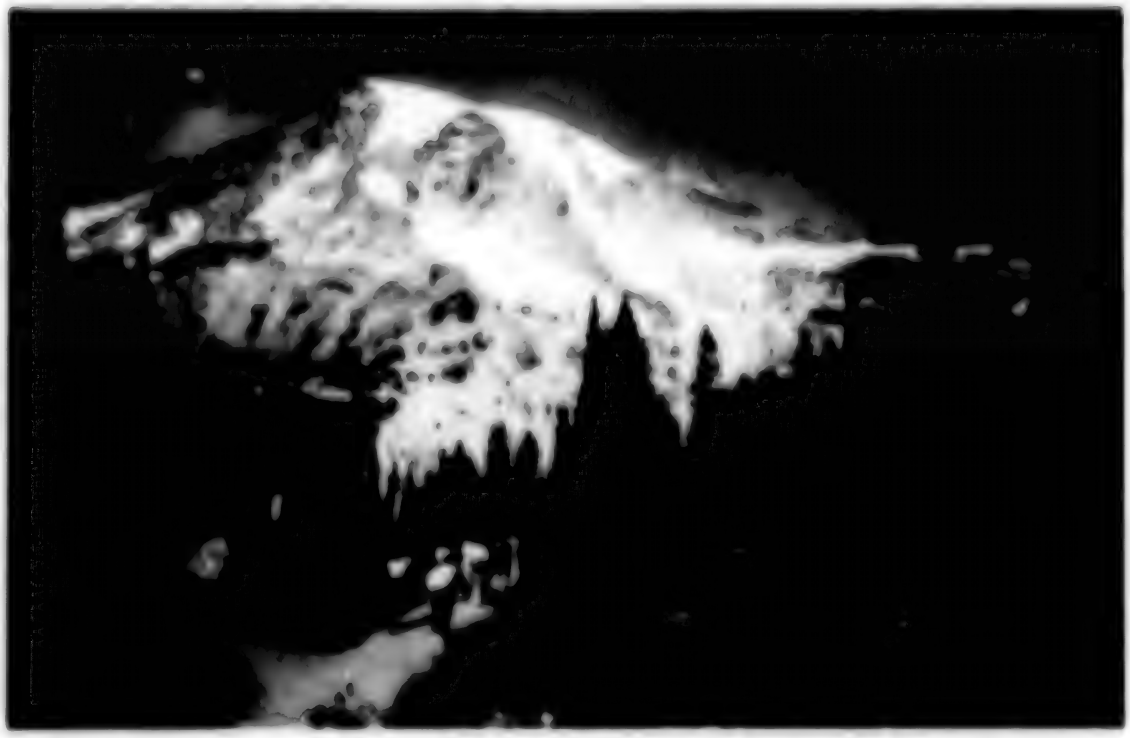
WALTHAM TEENS TAKE HIGH FLIGHT

The Waltham Family YMCA has developed a program for at-risk youths called High Flight Program. This is an adventure-challenge program designed to enhance a youth's ability to acquire a positive self-concept, to respect and get along with others, to learn leadership skills, participate in community service projects, to learn about the environment, explore career opportunities, and develop a positive attitude toward productive leisure time. The physical and interpersonal challenge of the Outward Bound program creates a promising environment for growth, insight, and behavioral change. Youths participating in the program were referred by the courts, police department, social service agencies and school officials.

The 12-week summer session of the High Flight program was targeted towards low-income, minority youths from 13 to 16 years old. The program had 12 participants and met twice a week, plus two overnight trips. The activities that they participated in consisted of a rope course challenge, camping, map and compass reading, rock climbing, biking, backpacking, canoeing, and group problem solving activities. At the end of each day the group met to discuss the day's activities and problems. The primary goal of the program is to alter behavior patterns and to increase positive self-image, using recreational activities as a vehicle for personal growth.

The YMCA has worked very closely with and has developed good relationships with Waltham's social service agencies, Boys and Girls Club, schools, and the police department in providing additional recreational facilities and special needs recreational programming. The High Flight Program is in its second session and has served 33 teens. Four of the 33 teens have become peer leaders and will be working in schools this fall as peer leaders to help combat drug and alcohol abuse.

NORTHWEST COMMUNITY GIVES YOUTH 'NATURAL HIGH'



Day hike to Mt. Rainier was part of Tacoma's Natural High program.

The Natural High is a year-round youth outdoor adventure and athletics program designed to meet the needs of local at-risk youth. Activities include basic introductory workshops on safety, proper techniques, and concern for wildlife and the environment are taught to prepare participants for upcoming day trips and extended outings. Recreational activities include camping, canoeing, hiking, river rafting, mountain biking, and sailing.

The athletic component of the Natural High program is designed to introduce participants to sports and conduct camps, classes, and tournaments to help youth advance in skill level. In coordination with the U.S. Tennis Association summer and fall tennis clinics and a tournament took place. The Seattle Sonics basketball team provided basketball camps.

During the first quarter of the program, over 150 youth ages 8 to 17 were served. The program took place at schools, community centers, Boys and Girls Clubs, and local parks, after school between 3:00 and 7 pm weekdays, and 1 to 5 pm on Saturdays. Day trips and extended outings occurred when school schedules allowed.

The city attained its expected goals for the first quarter. Personnel was hired, equipment purchased and scheduled trips, workshops and clinics were successful. The program is now in its second quarter and many of the first quarter participants have returned for advanced training and many new participants have joined. Tacoma is pleased with the progress and youth participation in the program and plans to continue after the grant funds are depleted.

YOUTH MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE

The city of Wilkes-Barre has developed and implemented a recreation program for youth-at-risk in partnership with the Catholic Youth Center (CYC). The goal of the program is to provide recreation programs and teach leisure skills that will serve as a deterrent to children who are specifically identified as being at risk of becoming involved with drugs and alcohol.

The five step program includes identifying youth-at-risk through social service agencies, schools, and other community service groups. Involving youth in recreation programs and teaching them lifelong leisure skills. The CYC provides year around recreation programs under the supervision of trained leaders. The Center has developed a training program for recreation leaders for the indoor center and a summer playground program.

The program was implemented last July for the summer program and it served 50 children at the CYC center. There were 14 different recreational activities offered ranging from basketball, arts and crafts, volleyball, swimming, and anti-drug and alcohol seminars. The CYC has begun its fall session, and it is estimated that at least 500 youth will be served.

The CYC is Wilkes-Barre's major recreation provider, and it is within walking distance of one of the city's largest low-income, minority housing developments. In addition, a van and school bus was purchased, from fundraising activities, to transport youth to various recreational sites in and around the city, and bring in children who do not live within walking distance of the center.

The city is very pleased with the progress of the CYC in getting the program off the ground. A few problems were encountered in the beginning because of lack of advertising. However, that problem is now taken care of and many more youth have joined the recreation program and they are enjoying it very much.

CHANGING PARKING GARAGE TO ROLLER RINK IS SUPER SUCCESS

Wilmington's City Parks and Recreation Department, the Police Department and a private parking authority used their youth-at-risk grant to establish a completely new program for 12-19 year olds this summer.

Beginning in June, the parking garage of an inner city hotel was converted to a roller ramp each weekend. Access to the garage was provided without charge by the Wilmington Parking Authority, while the Parks Department and the Police provided entertainment and education. By supplying skates, safety equipment, music, recreation leaders and a great downhill run, complete with sharp curves and rubber mats on the walls, the city attracted almost 6,000 skaters over a 10 week period.

Counselling, educational lectures, rap sessions with community leaders and other group activities were integrated with the fun, so the teenagers not only had a new recreation activity to brighten their summer weekends but a chance for positive interactions with the community and their peers.

Because of the program's success in 1992, the Parking Authority has committed itself to free garage access again in 1993. Wilmington's Police Community Relations Unit was also pleased with the effort and has agreed to participate in future years. All in all, it appears that a little seed money and a lot of cooperation among city agencies is delivering an unsurpassed recreation bargain for the teens of Wilmington.

URBAN PARK AND RECREATION RECOVERY PROGRAM
1979 - 1992

Program Overview

Innovation grants cover the cost of personnel, facilities, equipment, supplies or services associated with development of innovative and cost-effective ideas, concepts, or approaches aimed at improving facility design, operations or programming for the delivery of recreation services, but the UPARR program is not limited to Innovation grants. It includes other grants and technical assistance aimed at helping localities to take a comprehensive approach to revitalizing their total recreation systems. Rehabilitation grants are for renovation of close-to-home urban recreation facilities that are deteriorated to the point where the recreator's health and safety are endangered or the quality of recreation services is impaired. Recovery Action Program (RAP) planning grants are for development of recreation planning priorities and strategies for overall recreation system recovery. To be eligible for Innovation or Rehabilitation grants, a jurisdiction is required to maintain a current RAP plan, approved by the National Park Service, to demonstrate its commitment to revitalize its park and recreation system.

Program Accomplishments

From 1978 through 1992, the UPARR program provided approximately $222.9 million for 1,284 grants to 400 local jurisdictions in 42 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

History of UPARR Appropriations for Grants
FY 1979 - FY 1992
$ in millions

Fiscal Year		1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985-90	1991	1992	TOTAL
Grants*	$	19.2	62.2	62.4	7.6	40.0	6.7	0	19.9	4.9	$ 222.9

*These figures reflect funds appropriated and obligated for grants only. They exclude some $6.2 million appropriated for administration between 1979 and 1982, and about $20 million rescinded in Congressional deficit reduction actions.

History of UPARR Grant Awards

Fiscal Year	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983+	1984	1985-90	1991	1992	TOTALS
Rehabilitation	38	160	52	0	124	22	0	104	0	500
Innovation	5	42	19	44	0	0	0	0	62	172
Planning	112	102	68	59	54	38	179	0	0	612
										1,284

+ "JOBS BILL" supplemental, 3/83.

Reported benefits of UPARR Rehabilitation and Innovation grants include:

- existing facilities were returned to full use
- more efficient use of space
- increase in recreation program activities
- increases in number of users and improved mix of users
- reductions in vandalism
- better feelings about recreation facilities, programs and providing agencies
- increased awareness of local recreation needs, and greater commitments of resources to continue projects post-UPARR.

All told, the UPARR program has rehabilitated 273 playgrounds, 200 recreation centers, 194 ball fields, 254 tennis and or basketball courts, 169 swimming pools and 140 picnic areas. Ninety-five projects were targeted to senior citizens and/or people with disabilities; 22 projects rehabilitated waterfront recreation facilities; 17 projects were in or adjacent to public housing complexes. A number of exceptional programs like City-Fit for health and fitness in New Rochelle, NY, Adapted Boating for people with disabilities in Oakland, CA and the Senior Citizens Maintenance Corps in Revere, MA have brought national renown to the sponsors of UPARR Innovation grants. Twenty-nine innovative projects adapted non-recreation facilities to recreation use, including National Guard armories in Chicago and Mohawk, NY, old firehouses in Portland, OR and Somerville, MA, an abandoned coal bunker in Jersey City, NJ, and a shopping center sidewalk into a fitness trail for senior citizens in Pascagoula, MS.

Important benefits from Recovery Action planning that have been reported include better awareness by citizens of potential recreation opportunities and problems, better tools for priority setting and decision-making by elected executives and legislators, and increased managerial options among recreation administrators.

Other benefits realized as a result of the UPARR program were public-private partnerships formed to share the workload of recreation operations, better citizen involvement in design and management of local recreation systems, better managed fee structures to improve both equity and cost-effectiveness in delivery of more expensive recreation services, and improved recreation opportunities for many specific neighborhood user groups.

UPARR in 1990

No funds were appropriated for UPARR grants between 1985 and 1990. Funds from cost underruns on completed projects provided a source of monies for RAP grants between fiscal year 1983 and 1987. In 1988, about $1.2 million in deobligated funds were rescinded and returned to Treasury. No grant obligations were made in fiscal 1989 or 1990.

Slightly less than $20 million was appropriated for the UPARR program in November 1990. Upon appropriation of funds, the Service immediately initiated a Rehabilitation grant round through an announcement in the Federal Register. By February, more than 240 applications requesting $42.8 million in Federal assistance were submitted. The national competition was completed quickly; 104 grant awards for $19.7 million were announced in early March 1991. A list of those projects is located in Appendix B. The summer of 1991 was a busy period as the first Rehabilitation projects in seven years got under way. More than 225 cities and counties were also involved in updating their UPARR Recovery Action plans for the first time since the mid-1980s. Only those communities that completed new Recovery Action Plans or updated their old ones were eligible to compete for UPARR funds appropriated in FY 1992.

Innovation Grants Awarded in Fiscal Year 1992

A Junior Golfer tees off on his first day. With support from a UPARR Innovation grant and the National Minority Golf Foundation, Atlanta's John A. White Junior Golf Program is helping inner-city youth from 7-17 broaden their social and recreation horizons.

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE ANNOUNCES AWARDS OF $4.9 MILLION IN GRANTS FOR INNOVATIVE URBAN RECREATION PROGRAMS

James Ridenour, Director of the National Park Service,today announced that 62 cities will be offered $4.9 million in innovation matching grants under the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery (UPARR) program. "The emphasis of this year's grants is on new recreation opportunities for youth at risk in troubled urban neighborhoods," Ridenour said.

The 62 applications to be funded, all for $100,000 or less, will help to inaugurate a variety of sports, play and leisure education programs for city teenagers and preteens. The programs will link anti-drug, anti-crime education and training to popular recreation activities.

"We are pleased to help with these 'youth at risk' efforts," Ridenour said. "But the focus is really on communities helping themselves, using improved recreation opportunities to prevent delinquency, drug and alcohol abuse, forging links between healthy park experiences and good citizenship."

Programs funded include a variety of challenging sports, hobby and nature education activities at inner city recreation centers; an "animal discovery" drug prevention program using the resources of the local zoo, a youth conservation corps, "Build a Park" effort to do summer improvements in a rundown area, introduction to golf and other "lifetime" sports for inner city kids; and cultural arts programs to get teenagers involved with the visual arts, music and literature. Most of these efforts encompass special education and counselling features to respond to the needs of disadvantaged children; many extend program opportunities to late evening and weekend periods when public programs are traditionally unavailable.

The UPARR program also makes grants in two other categories: Rehabilitation grants to renovate existing recreation areas and facilities, and planning grants to help communities set goals and priorities for revitalization of their recreation systems. Because of the limited amount available for the nationwide competition in 1992, all funds available this year will be obligated for Innovation purposes.

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A list of the Innovation grants is attached.

1992 UPARR Innovation Proposals Selected

CITY/COUNTY	STATE	UPARR GRANT
Huntsville	AL	$62,674
Phoenix	AZ	$57,050
Baldwin Park	CA	$34,686
Berkeley	CA	$52,500
Fresno	CA	$50,000
Los Angeles	CA	$40,800
Oakland	CA	$50,000
Oceanside	CA	$35,000
Richmond	CA	$50,000
Santa Ana	CA	$50,000
Denver	CO	$70,000
New Haven	CT	$93,800
Wilmington	DE	$56,203
Hialeah	FL	$100,000
Hollywood	FL	$92,600
North Miami Beach	FL	$50,000
Atlanta	GA	$100,000
Columbus	GA	$100,000
Indianapolis	IN	$99,960
Louisville	KY	$85,000
Boston	MA	$100,000
Revere	MA	$23,772
Salem	MA	$70,000
Somerville	MA	$70,000
Waltham	MA	$59,500
Baltimore	MD	$100,000
Grand Rapids	MI	$100,000
Saint Paul	MN	$99,495
Durham	NC	$70,000
Fayetteville	NC	$100,000
Wilmington	NC	$50,000
Hudson Cnty	NJ	$100,000
Newark	NJ	$70,000
Passaic	NJ	$94,500
Paterson	NJ	$100,000
Plainfield	NJ	$100,000
Vineland	NJ	$100,000
Mt. Vernon	NY	$99,400
Schenectady	NY	$17,500
Syracuse	NY	$80,842
Dayton	OH	$91,000
Chester	PA	$99,316
Erie	PA	$100,000
Reading	PA	$100,000
Wilkes-Barre	PA	$80,750

CITY/COUNTY	STATE	UPARR GRANT
Bayamon	PR	$100,000
Guaynabo	PR	$70,000
San Juan	PR	$70,000
Central Falls	RI	$50,000
Providence	RI	$100,000
Spartanburg	SC	$70,000
Knoxville	TN	$100,000
Beaumont	TX	$100,000
Bexar County	TX	$100,000
San Antonio	TX	$100,000
Danville	VA	$100,000
Newport News	VA	$73,368
Richmond	VA	$100,000
Seattle	WA	$100,000
Tacoma	WA	$100,000
Milwaukee County	WI	$99,814
Wheeling	WV	$83,805
67 Proposals	TOTAL	**$4,923,335**

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INNOVATION PROJECTS FUNDED IN 1992

State	Locality	Project Name	Federal Dollars	Description of Project
AL	Huntsville	Special Needs Population Recreation	$62,874	To make a recreation complex totally accessible to people with disabilities. Purchase of accessible designed play equipment, picnic tables, etc.
AZ	Phoenix	RIP-RAP-STEP	$57,050	A program emphasizing swimming for 1st to 6th graders as a focus of community involvement, volunteerism and job training. RAP=Remedial Aquatics program for elementary school children, RIP= Rec. Internship Program for employing 14-18 year olds, and STEP= training of permanent staff for outreach to residents.
CA	Baldwin Park	Sky's The Limit	$34,686	An 8 week program of self improvement and enhanced self esteem. Participants spend one week each in aquatics, computer lab, gym, games room, arts and crafts, photography, weight training and outdoor activities.
	Berkeley	Youth at Risk Program	$52,500	Targeted to youth ages 12-14. Main components of proposal are: retrain recreation staff, and create recreation programs to attract 12-14 year olds.
	Fresno	Summer Youth Diversion Program	$50,000	Structured recreation program for youths ages 13-18 at two park sites - Romain and Frank B Hall Playgrounds. Grants funds hired staff and neighborhood youth to organize sports leagues and supervise them with the help of the Police Dept. volunteers.
	Los Angeles	Co-ed Teen Sports League	$40,000	Youth ages 13-18 years old have volleyball, basketball, and softball programs at two park sites - Reseda & Lanark Parks. Games played between 7-10 pm with social activities after games. Games will be video-taped for community involvement.
	Oakland	Splash Oakland	$50,000	Program teaches swimming, boating and water safety skills to 4th graders at 7 public schools and one private school in at-risk neighborhoods.
	Oceanside	Youth Street Hockey League	$35,000	This program is targeted to at risk youth in Oceanside and dependent children of Camp Pendleton. The organized street hockey league will be offered at three locations. The League will also offer job training for junior rec leaders to assist in supervising younger children.
	Richmond	One Stop Teen Center	$50,000	To provide a one stop teen center at Martin Luther King, Jr. community center for recreation and social services that includes a teen hot line, jobs search skills. The center will be open from 6pm to 1am. Zellerbach Foundation provided the local match.

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CA	Santa Ana	PRIDE	$50,000	The city's PRIDE program is an after school program targeting youth at risk. Participants will be trained to perform magic acts at elementary schools to convey anti gang/drug prevention messages. Newsletter program will teach them different roles - editor, reporter, photographer, graphic artists.
CO	Denver	Night Moves	$70,000	A three month pilot program provided structured recreation and education activities for teens between 6pm and 10pm. Marketing link to Denver Nuggets basketball team.
CT	New Haven	Urban Conservation Corps	$93,800	The city will develop an environmental awareness/recreation program with two components - an urban conservation corps, and a recreation program that will build an environmental ethic in inner city youth. This program operated out of Edgerton Park.
DE	Wilmington	Inner City Youth Skating	$56,203	The city, in partnership with the Wilmington Parking Authority, offered a complete, weekend roller skating program at the Radisson Hotel garage. Program to continue in '93 at local expense.
FL	Hialeah	Early Prevention & Intervention Prgm	$100,000	A 5 phase program for youth age 17 and under having problems with drugs, gangs, and crime. They participate in sports, receive anti drug and gang education, assist with coaching and other park duties.
	Hollywood	BRAG Program	$92,600	Two project coordinators - 1 for Washington Park and 1 for Northeast Community Center, to establish new recreation programs that includes special events, field trips, and daily recreation activities.
	North Miami Beach	STAR Program	$50,000	Program in Washington Park community, after school for 1 - 6th grades. 13 and up serve as 'mentors', seniors will serve as 'grandparents'. Only afterschool program that includes teens and seniors. UPARR provides 4 staff persons, equipment and supplies, and field trips.
GA	Atlanta	Junior Golf Program Inner-City Youth	$100,000	Junior Golf program for youth ages 7-17 from low income housing areas. Started 9/92. Includes fundementals of golf combined with classroom academics & workshops on drug awareness for 200 minority children including disabled.
	Columbus	Housing Auth. Recreational Program	$100,000	Staffing of 9 public housing community centers with recreation leaders responsible for educational programs in drug awareness, gang intervention/prevention, cultural programs, self-esteem, and environmental education. UPARR funds were used for supervisors, and equipment and supplies for the 9 sites.

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State	Locality	Project Name	Federal Dollars	Description of Project
IN	Indianapolis	Build a Park Youth Conservation Corp	$99,960	A Youth Conservation Corp (YCC) summer recreation and work program. Sixty 14-17 year old teenagers will serve in two week sessions. Program will involve citizenship, community service, self awareness, physical fitness. Project helped renovate an old portion of Zoo in George Washington Park into environmental ed. area.
KY	Louisville	Muhammad Ali Youth Assoc. Recreation	$65,000	Muhammad Ali Youth Association is based in the south and western sections of the city. Program targets youth 7-18, low-income, minority neighborhoods. UPARR funds will assist in purchase of passenger van to transport youth to various recreational events and facilities, and train recreation staff in new activities such as golf, tennis, soccer. Purchase recreational equipment and supplies.
MA	Boston	Junior Park Ranger Program	$100,000	At risk teens ages 14-17 trained in environmental education, historical interpretation, leadership and communication, and will assist year around in actual work situations in Boston Park Ranger Program. Junior Rangers will help run programs and acquire job experience.
	Revere	Linkage of Indoor & Outdoor Rec. Prg	$23,772	City had no public indoor rec facilities available for use. UPARR funds will support the opening for public rec use Revere High School Field House every weekend from November to April. Small fee of $1 will be charged. Seniors will be hired for registration and admittance monitors. Recreation activities include basketball, volleyball, soccer, walking, running, dancing, bowling, bocci for seniors.
	Salem	Community Sailing & Maritime Recr.	$70,000	Multidisciplinary recreation program combines sailing lessons with opportunities for hands-on learning of history, marine science and local culture. Partnership with Salem College and the city involves participation of numerous other local agencies and groups. Program offered free to youth ages 10 to 18.
	Somerville	Inward Bound Program	$70,000	Proposal designed to provide alternative education, employment and recreation programs to youth at risk by using the city's parks and existing facilities of two recreation providers. Somerville Youth Program and Somerville Boys & Girls Club will be partners.
	Waltham	YMCA High Flight Program	$59,500	An activity-oriented prevention program designed to break the pattern of negative social behavior in teens at risk. 12 week program that includes ropes, maps, backpacking, camping and group problem solving.

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State	Locality	Project Name	Federal Dollars	Description of Project
MD	Baltimore	Penn North After School Program	$100,000	A pilot program that offers an educational and recreational after-school program for children to 13 years old. Program will be offered at 3 facilities - John Eager Howard, Parkview Recreation Wing, and Robert C. Marshall Rec Center.
MI	Grand Rapids	Recreation to Reduce Risk	$100,000	Proposal expands recreation programs at two neighborhood schools and a rec center with a variety of traditional and non traditional activities: sports, games, crafts, theater, and other cultural programs.
MN	Saint Paul	Neighborhoods in Transition	$99,495	Proposal expands youth activities at 9 inner-city recreation centers through neighborhood outreach.
NC	Durham	Teenage Entrepreneur Training	$70,000	An entrepreneur-based leadership training program for at-risk teens. To establish a mini-amusement park with roller skating rink, big bank shot, basketball games, arcade area with carnival-type games, a moon walker unit , a concession shelter and bleachers. Teens being trained to manage the facility and will eventually have total management responsibility.
	Fayetteville	T.E.A.M. Program	$100,000	Combines a variety of sports and fitness, cultural and teaching activities in a joint program by schools and rec department to supply recreation, lifestyle training and drug education for 8-14 year olds.
	Wilmington	Know Thyself Cultural Enrichment	$50,000	City will offer programs of multi-cultural artistic expression, involving visual arts, dance, music theatre, and literature with initial emphasis on African-American culture. Program broadens the scope of programming at 9 public housing complexes.
NJ	Hudson County	Urban Environmental Education Progrm	$100,000	Two sites - Lincoln Park in Jersey City, and North Hudson Park in North Bergen. To create permanent outdoor educational sites through exhibits and nature interpretive programs, establishing college intern programs at 4 colleges in the county, and educating children who attend the existing Summer Camp program.
	Newark	First Class Championship Dev. Center	$70,000	The First Class Championship Development Center will house a youth boxing program incorporating classroom training, physical conditioning, and motivational visits from professional boxers.
	Passaic	Recreation Services Improvement Proj	$94,500	An afterschool program for children ages 8 to 12 is conducted at three locations. The second program for women offers classes ranging from fitness to creative arts.
	Paterson	Neighborhood Recreation Program	$100,000	Outreach project to involve residents and volunteers in recreation programs. Two CDBG neighborhoods have been provided seed money for recreation supplies and equipment, technical assistance. Recreation Supervisors and staff will be hired for each neighborhood.

INNOVATION PROJECTS FUNDED IN 1992

State	Locality	Project Name	Federal Dollars	Description of Project
NJ	Plainfield	Hannah Atkins Recreation Recovery	$100,000	The city's recreation and housing departments are providing recreation services at two 120-unit housing complexes in the city's West End community. Hanna Atkins Playground and Liberty Village Comm. Center will be restored to full use through renovation and new programs to bring in community residents.
	Vineland	Warehouse Recreation Center	$100,000	Adaptive reuse of an abandoned warehouse for use by community groups to provide their own recreation programming. Funds will be used for renovation of building and purchase of equipment and supplies.
NY	Mt. Vernon	Mothers on the Move	$99,400	Purchase of indoor and outdoor recreation equipment, playground equipment for city's only public low-income public housing unit known as Levister Towers. Funds will be used to hire a program director to set-up recreation programs, train volunteer mothers to take over the program after one year.
	Schenectady	Parks Partnership Program	$17,500	Project located at Jerry Burrell Park in the Hamilton Hill neighborhood. UPARR funds used for two Summer Rec. Leader positions, recreation equipment, special events, and public awareness
	Syracuse	Southwest Community Rec. Partnership	$80,842	Project located at Southwest Community Center. UPARR funds will be used for Program Coordinator, arts, crafts, music supplies, and baseball equipment.
OH	Dayton	Project 'RISK'	$91,000	A youth outreach program for 14-20 year olds. Project will include expanding recreation programming at Roosevelt Center 3 nights a week from 10 pm to 2 am and 5 hours on Sundays. Provide transportation, outreach, career counseling, and personal awareness services to enhance self image, and seasonal employment for at least 10 participants.
PA	Chester	Youth-at-Risk Recreation Program	$99,316	Program is located at newly renovated commmunity center. City will hire program director, recreation coordinators, recreation leaders, program equipment to include art, music, drama, dance, games, fitness, sports, special events supplies and equipment. Purchase of a van to get participants to and from rec center.
	Erie	S.T.A.R.T.	$100,000	A recreation and drug prevention program for at risk youth at two club facilities located at Franklin Terrace and West Eighth Street. UPARR funding will be for recreational equipment and supplies, and train recreation leaders

INNOVATION PROJECTS FUNDED IN 1992

State	Locality	Project Name	Federal Dollars	Description of Project
PA	Reading	Olivet Boys & Girls Club Youth Rec.	$100,000	A youth recreational program at the Glenside Public Housing Site operated by the Olivet Boys and Girls Club, in partnership with the Housing Authority and the city. UPARR funds will be used for program administrative expenses, transportion to other facilities and events, recreational equipment and supplies.
	Wilkes-Barre	Recreation: The Right Choice	$80,750	The city, in partnership with the CYC, to provide year around recreational programming for youth-at risk in the CYC facility. Program will identify at risk youth and supply arts, music, fitness, athletics, special events, community service projects, volunteerism, train recreation leaders, a marketing program, and evaluation of effectiveness.
PR	Bayamon	Mobile Arts and Sports Workshops	$100,000	UPARR funds will be used to modify a mobile truck stage for plays and live performances. Outdoor recreation programs and activities will be provided to 20 public housing complexes within the city.
	Guaynabo	Recreation and Cultural Project	$70,000	Recreation and cultural programming for housing complexes located in the inner-city area. UPARR funds to be used for staff, outreach, and recreation supplies and equipment.
	San Juan	After School Activities for Youth	$70,000	Structured after-school activities at three school sites. Project involves hiring a project coordinator, three sports coordinators, purchase of recreational and sports equipment and supplies.
RI	Central Falls	Community Recreation Partnership	$50,000	City's substance abuse prevention agency, Channel One-Central Falls, will provide recreation programming promoting drug abuse prevention, crime prevention, environmental awareness, and history of Blackstone Valley. UPARR funding will be used for coordination of junior park rangers, Central Falls crimestoppers, horticulture and maintenance supplies and equipment.
	Providence	ZOOPOWER-Drug Abuse Prevention	$100,000	The city plans to use city's Roger Williams Park Zoo facilities to attract youth to alternatives to drugs and crime. Project will rehab cafeteria into a discovery lab, train teachers, employ students as zoo assistants.
TN	Knoxville	Fair Play Sports Program	$100,000	Project includes tennis, golf, health/fitness, gymnastics, music, and dance programs at former school sites that have been closed as a result of desegregation. In addition, a health/fitness center will be located at two sites within the inter city. One of those sites serves as an intergenerational community school offering education, nutrition, recreation, fitness, and employment services.

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State	Locality	Project Name	Federal Dollars	Description of Project
TX	Beaumont	Youth-at-Risk Recreation Program	$100,000	Recreation/counseling program for inner city youth 10-19 years old at five sites. Activities include: drug prevention, health and safety counseling, job, CPR, First Aid, and educational training.
	Bexar County	Green Brigade Program	$100,000	County will, in partnership with a private nonprofit organization, train 30 youth in gardening and landscaping skills. Project is located in Rodriguez Park, in San Antonio, and youth will build model xeriscape gardens, trails, and serve as mentors to younger children in building a children's teaching garden.
	San Antonio	Roving Leader Outreach Program	$100,000	Six street-wise recreation leaders will work in public housing projects and other low and moderate income areas, bringing recreational and referral services on wheels to at-risk youth. UPARR assistance will be for staffing, recreation and sports equipment and supplies.
VA	Danville	Cultural Arts Program	$100,000	City will provide a cultural arts program for inner city youth at risk at the City Armory Recreation Center. Purchase of costumes and stage set supplies, upgrading of building, and exterior lighting.
	Newport News	Tennis Camp Intervention Program	$73,368	A summer tennis camp intervention program for the youth in the city's CDBG target area. Youth from public housing complex given intensive summer camp experience that introduced them to tennis in mornings and provided structured math and reading classes in afternoons.
	Richmond	Recreation for Inner-City Youth	$100,000	The city will employ a three-pronged approach to reach at risk youth in 7 of the city's housing projects: staffing, using 10 of the youth to assist in planning and implementing programs that meet their needs. Intruducing new activities that are culturally, social, and ethnically different, and selecting 30 youth for leadership training.
WA	Seattle	Summer Teen Program & Consortium	$100,000	The program implements model recreation programs at three community centers, and will suggest citywide programs to be based on the experience at the model sites.
	Tacoma	Natural High Recreation Program	$100,000	An athletic program to teach youth skills that they may not otherwise be exposed to. Includes tennis, rowing, soccer and basketball activities, camping, hiking and other outdoor adventures at a variety of regional and national parks.
WI	Milwaukee County	Collaborative Recreational Programs	$99,814	The city will expand recreation programming and services at the Washington Park neighborhood to meet the needs of the minority, low-income residents. Successful, recreation programs will be expanded to two other sites in the community.

INNOVATION PROJECTS FUNDED IN 1992

State	Locality	Project Name	Federal Dollars	Description of Project
WV	Wheeling	Recreation Program Nelson Jordan/Elk	$83,805	Recreational programming for two sites – Nelson Jordan Center and Elks Playground. Sports, arts and crafts, exercise and entertainment programs will be expanded at the Jordan Center, and model airplane building with an introduction to the real aviation world, including pre-flight instruction and an actual flying experience. UPARR assistance provides equipment, supplies, and staff coordinators.

Rehabilitation Grants Awarded in Fiscal Year 1991

One of the key features of the UPARR program is its ability to support projects that restore recreation facilities to full use within a short period of time. In 1991, 104 Rehabilitation grants were awarded to economically hard pressed communities whose recreation facilities were closed or in such hazardous condition that recreation activities were severely limited. UPARR grants made these resources available again, and in some cases, led to expansion of existing services through redesign and renovation. Following is a list of Rehabilitation grants that were awarded in 1991.

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REHABILITATION PROJECTS FUNDED IN 1991

State	Locality	Project Name	Federal Dollars	Description of Project
AL	Florence	Martin Park	$87,115	Three picnic shelters, accessible play equipment, removal of electrical and building hazards.
	Huntsville	Scruggs Community Center	$145,503	Rehabilitation of Scruggs Community Center.
AZ	Phoenix	Verde Park	$249,900	Rehabilitation of entire Verde Park and its recreation center.
CA	Bellflower	T. Mayne Thompson Park	$54,600	Rehabilitate entire irrigation system.
	Berkeley	Frances Albrier Community Center	$168,000	Rehabilitation of Frances Albrier Comm. Center in San Pablo Park.
	Fresno	Dickey Park	$199,750	Renovate recreation building and replace playground equipment.
	Long Beach	California Community Center	$248,000	Rehabilitation of community center.
	Los Angeles	Downey Community Bldg. & Bathhouse	$245,000	Renovate community center.
	Oakland	San Antonio Park	$250,000	Rehabilitation of playfield and recreation center.
	Oxnard	Colonia Boxing Center	$182,000	Renovate Boxing Center facility.
	Richmond	Nevin Center and Park	$245,000	Renovate Nevin Park adult activities area and childrens play area.
	Sacramento	Johnston Swimming Pool Bldg.	$249,950	Convert swimming pool facility into an indoor recreation center.
	San Francisco	Potrero Hill Recreation Center	$249,900	Rehabilitation of Potrero Hill Recreation Center that was damaged in the 1989 earthquake.
	San Jose	Roosevelt Community Center	$249,900	Rehabilitation of Roosevelt Community Center.
	Santa Ana	Madison Park	$199,990	Renovate ball fields and courts, parking area, walkways, and tot lot.
CT	Bridgeport	Rehab. of Three Neighborhood Parks	$249,998	Rehabilitation of Lafayette Park, Jessup Park, and Longfellow tot lot.
	New Haven	Winslow-Augustine Field	$225,250	Rehabilitation of Winslow-Augustine play field damaged by a tornado.
DC	Washington	Harrison Recreation Center	$250,000	Rehabilitation of Harrison Recreation Center and playground.

REHABILITATION PROJECTS FUNDED IN 1991

State	Locality	Project Name	Federal Dollars	Description of Project
FL	Bradenton	Rehab - Three Recreation Facilities	$147,035	Renovate Boys club, Police Athletic League, and 13th Avenue Youth Center. Renovation includes playground equipment, restrooms, electrical, plumbing and weatherization, gym insulation.
	Broward County	Delevoe Park	$233,000	Rehabilitation of Delevoe Park recreation building.
	Dade County	Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial Park	$249,999	Rehabilitation of Martin Luther King Memorial Park playfields, ball courts, playground, picnic areas.
	Hialeah	Rehab of Four Neighborhood Pools	$249,900	Rehabilitation of 4 neighborhood swimming pools.
	Jacksonville	Rehab of Three Neighborhood Centers	$249,999	Renovation of restrooms, air conditioners and ventilation systems, install windows and doors.
	Miami	Dorsey Park	$250,000	Rehabilitation of 2.5 acre neighborhood park.
	North Miami Beach	Washington Park	$57,000	Rehabilitation of pool house, deck, and pool.
	Orlando	John H. Jackson Neighborhood Cente	$249,999	Rehabilitation of recreation center.
	Tampa	Fair Oaks Community Center	$249,999	Rehabilitation of recreation center.
GA	Atlanta	Butler Park Recreation Center	$250,000	Rehabilitation of recreation center.
IL	Chicago	Touhy/Herbert Park	$250,000	Rehabilitation of play fields, playground, spray pool, picnic facilities, center building.
	Evanston	Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center	$115,000	Rehabilitation of community center.
IN	Bloomington	Westside Community Center	$249,999	Rehabilitate interior and exterior of recreation center.
	East Chicago	Nunez Park/Clemente Comm. Center	$89,864	Rehabilitation of community center and swimming pool facility.
	Gary	Rehab Three Swimming Pools	$152,460	Rehabilitation of 3 public swimming pools located at Washington Park, Howe Park, and Hatcher Park.
	Kokomo	Carver Community Center	$250,000	Rehabilitation of community center building.

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KY	Covington	Randolph Pool	$113,300	Rehabilitation of neighborhood swimming pool.
	Louisville	California Park	$249,999	Rehabilitation of recreation building, ball fields, courts, picnic shelter.
LA	New Orleans	John P. Lyons Recreation Center	$175,000	Rehabilitation of recreation center building.
	Shreveport	Rehab of Three Neighborhood Parks	$175,000	Allendale Park, Thomas Field Park, Valencia Park - playground equipment, resurface ball courts, exercise trails, tot lots, and lighting.
MA	Boston	Winthrop Playground	$250,000	Replace playground equipment, rehabilitate ball courts and passive areas.
	Cambridge	Market Street Playground	$181,426	Replace playground equipment, resurfacing, and walkways.
	Essex County	Green Street Field	$156,100	Rehabilitate play fields, ball courts.
	Holyoke	MacKenzie Field	$119,412	Rehabilitate playfields and restroom building.
	Lawrence	West Street Park	$158,740	Rehabilitate play fields, spray pool, passive areas.
	Lowell	McPherson Park Pool	$250,000	Replace pool facility, rehabilitate bathhouse.
	Salem	Curtis Park	$98,152	Replace playground equipment, rehabilitate passive area and ball court.
	Springfield	Jaime Ulloa Park	$250,000	Replace playground equipment, rehabilitate passive area and add spray pool.
MD	Baltimore	William McAbee Playground & Pool	$250,000	Replace playground equipment, rehabilitate ball courts, swimming facility.
ME	Portland	Pleasant Street & Peppermint Park	$131,583	Rehabilitate Peperment Park playground, swimming pool, passive areas. Pleasant Street Park - rehabilitate spray pool, playground, ball court.
MI	Pontiac	Murphy Park	$200,550	Rehabilitate parking lot, tot lot, picnic area, warming house, plazas, ice rink, walkways trails, landscaping.
MN	Minneapolis	Peavey Park	$250,000	Rehabilitate picnic areas, playground, wading pool, and play fields.
MO	Kansas City	Garrison Community Center	$250,000	Rehabilitate community center building.
MS	Gulfport	Magnolia Grove Community Center	$31,850	Rehabilitate community center building.
	Hattiesburg	Pine Belt Boys & Girls Club	$71,295	The city converted one wing of an abandoned school into a Boys & Girls Club. The area in this wing is to be rehabilitated.
	Meridian	Velma Young Park	$46,500	Replace playground equipment.
	Moss Point	Sue Ellen Recreation Center	$18,000	Rehabilitate recreation center building.

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NC	High Point	Southside Neighborhood Center	$115,500	Rehabilitation of center's roof and stage.
	Wilmington	Rankin Community Enrichment Center	$134,400	Rehabilitation of center's interior and landscaping.
	Winston-Salem	Reynolds Park Pool	$148,680	Rehabilitate swimming pool facility.
NE	Omaha	Fontenelle Park	$250,000	Rehabilitate ballfields, play courts, restrooms, walkways, landscaping.
NJ	Camden	Fourth & Washington Park	$250,000	Rehabilitate play courts, picnic areas, and playground.
	Essex County	Rehabilitation of Three Parks	$250,000	Independence Park-playground and ballfields. Rehabilitate playgrounds at Orange Park and Riverbank Parks.
	Hoboken	Stevens Park	$126,448	New playground equipment, rehabilitate wading pool, and landscaping.
	Jersey City	Arlington Park	$217,350	New playground equipment, rehabilitate play courts, and landscaping.
	Newark	Boylan Street Pool	$250,000	Rehabilitate swimming pool facility.
	Passaic	Pulaski Park	$250,000	New playground equipment, renovate play and ball courts, and ballfields.
	Perth Amboy	Rehab of Four Neighborhood Parks	$147,078	Washington Park, Seamen Street Park, Francis Street Park, and State Street Park. Resurface basketball courts, new playground equipment, renovate passive areas and one restroom.
NY	Hempstead	Rehabilitation of Three Parks	$249,900	Mirshel Park, Brierly Park, and Campbell Park - rehabilitate ballfields, restrooms, playgrounds, play courts, picnic areas.
	New York	John Rozier Hansborough Rec. Center	$249,999	Rehabilitate swimming pool facility.
	Syracuse	McKinley Park Bathhouse & Pool	$175,000	Rehabilitate swimming pool facility, bathhouse, and parking area.
OH	Cincinnati	Lincoln Center Outdoor Area	$249,999	New playground equipment, fencing, and landscaping, resurface play court and basketball court.
	Cleveland	Regent Park	$249,999	New playground equipment, renovate playground, ball fields, spray pool, fencing, lighting, walkways, landscaping.
	Columbus	Glenwood Community Rec. Center	$249,999	Renovate center's plumbing, heating, doors, windows, exterior paint, and handicap accessibility.
	Hamilton	Wilson Pool	$93,800	Demolish and replace bathhouse at same site. Pool was previously renovated with UPARR funds in 1983.

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OH	Toledo	Highland Park Shelterhouse	$250,000	Renovate shelterhouse, paint interior and exterior, rehabilitate walkways, landscaping.
OK	Muskogee	Honor Heights Park Swimming Pool	$70,000	Rehabilitate swimming pool facility.
OR	Portland	Portland Recreation Center Rehab	$250,000	Rehabilitate recreation center's interior.
PA	Allentown	Jordan Park & Stevens Park	$93,100	New playground equipment, and resurfacing
	Chester	Rehab of Community Center	$249,999	Rehabilitate center's interior, add an indoor roller skating rink.
	Harrisburg	Sunshine Park	$111,002	Rehabilitate ball fields and ball courts, add picnic pavilion.
	Hazelton	Mt. Laurel Pool & Recreation Complex	$138,855	Renovate ball courts, picnic areas, fitness trail, roads, and concession stand. Non-profit Graham Foundation will do pool and bathhouse.
	Philadelphia	Olney Recreation Center	$249,999	Renovate indoor facility, and outdoor basketball courts, new playground equipment, resurface walkways.
	Pittsburgh	Baxter Playground	$250,000	Replace playground equipment, resurfacing play area, restructure barriers for accessibility, improve lighting.
PR	Guaynabo	Mamey Park	$175,000	New playground equipment, renovation of ball courts, ball fields, restrooms, lighting and fencing.
RI	Providence	Rehab. of Three Neighborhood Parks	$102,407	Salisbury Street Park, Ellery Street Park, and Niagara Street Park. New playground equipment, rehabilitate ball courts, and support facilities.
SC	Greenville	Cleveland Park	$52,500	New playground equipment, rehabilitate play courts and ball fields, picnic areas and trails.
	Spartanburg	Cleveland Park	$35,000	New playground equipment, rehabilitate restroom facility and walkways.
TN	Chattanooga	Warner Park	$249,900	Rehabilitate recreation center, tennis courts, lighting, and fencing.
	Clarksville	Valley Brook Park	$122,150	New playground equipment, demolish concession stand/restroom facility and replace with a new one, renovation of ball fields.
	Knoxville	Rehabilitation of Two Parks	$157,500	Harriet Tubman Park - playground equipment, ball courts, restrooms, picnic area. Morningside Park-bike trails, walkways, restroom and shelter, lighting picnic area, and exercise stations.
TX	Austin	Mabson Little League Baseball Field	$65,576	Renovate little league baseball field, restrooms, concession building, and parking lot.

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TX	Beaumont	Best Years Senior Activity Center	$173,120	Rehabilitate senior citizen center to include handicapped accessibility, restroom facility, new heating system, flooring, lighting, landscaping.
	El Paso	Armijo Recreation Center	$250,000	Renovate flooring, lighting heating/cooling system, and improve accessibility.
	Houston	Law Park Youth Sports Fields	$250,000	Renovation of ball fields, and lighting.
	McAllen	Rehab of Five Parks	$200,000	Sequin School Park, Alvarez School, Navarro School, Bonham School , and Airport Park. Playground equipment, play court, irrigation system, plant trees, picnic area, improve handicapped accessibility.
	San Antonio	Brackenridge Park Playscape	$249,999	Convert old unused bathhouses into playscape, new picnic area, renovate restrooms, improve handicap accessibility.
UT	Ogden	Lorin Farr Swimming Pool	$68,000	Rehabilitate swimming pool and bathhouse.
VA	Newport News	Julius Conn Gym	$105,700	Replace roof of Gym.
	Portsmouth	Neighborhood Facility Rec. Center	$195,000	Renovate center and improve accessibility.
WA	Seattle	Langston Hughes Cultural Arts Center	$250,000	Renovate center and improve access for people with disabilities.
	Tacoma	Two Salishan Parks & Community Cen	$168,000	Rehabilitate outdoor park, playground, picnic area. Community center includes playground equipment, picnic area, restrooms, and spray-wading pool.
WI	Milwaukee County	Lincoln Park	$250,000	Renovate swimming pool, playground equipment, resurface play court.
WV	Charleston	Rehab Three Recreation Centers	$115,000	Riverview Recreation Center - renovate center building, fencing, ball court. Dunbar-Second Avenue - resurface ball court, and renovate center. Vandalia Recreation Center - resurface pool and deck, new steps, playground equipment, picnic area and shelter.
	Huntington	St. Cloud Commons Recreation Bldg	$129,000	Renovate center's building, walkways, and patio.
	Wheeling	Rehab of Three Recreation Sites	$196,200	Nelson Jordan Center - renovate building, improve access, install new floor in gym. Belle Isle - ball fields, bleachers, playground equipment, picnic facility, and ball courts. Garden Park-playground equipment, play court, passive area, improve accessibility.

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